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SUBJECT: GDR PRESS ON ADM CONTROVERSY

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1. EAST GERMAN PRESS JULY 18 JOINED FRG PUBLIC CONTRO-
VERSY OVER ADM'S (REF A) WITH SHORT, PROMINENTLY PLACED
AND ARTICLE CLAIMING NATO HAS NOW CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF
PLANS TO USE "AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS LOCATED IN WEST
GERMANY" TO SOW "ATOMIC-MINE BELT" ALONG FRG BORDER WITH
GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ARTICLE FURTHER MAINTAINED THAT
ORIGINAL PLANS FOR ATOMIC-MINE BELT WERE DRAWN UP IN 1964
BY "NAZI WAR CRIMINAL" AND THEN-BUNDESWEHR GENERAL
INSPECTOR TRETTNER IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE ATOMIC WEAPONS
FOR WEST GERMAN MILITARY. ARTICLE CONTENDED THAT RECENT
STATEMENTS BY FAZ MILITARY COMMENTATOR ADELBERT WEINSTEIN
PROVED THAT FRG MILITARY LEADERS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP HOPE
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OF USING ADM PLOY TO ENTER ATOMIC AGE "THROUGH THE

BACK DOOR."

2. COMMENT. GDR PRESS APPROACH SEEMS
DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO EXPLOIT EMOTIONAL "ATOMIC-MINE"
ISSUE IN EFFORT TO REFOCUS EAST GERMAN POPULAR ATTENTION
ON "REVANCHIST" ELEMENTS IN FRG. GDR CLEARLY LESS CONCERNED
BY, INDEED IN PRINCIPLE MAY APPLAUD, NATO
ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY SERVE TO RECONFIRM MILITARY
PERMANENCE OF GDR/FRG BORDER.BORG

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